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1. The discontent of the Bulgarian people has increased under the plunderous methods of the Communist regime. War between the Soviets and the Western Powers is regarded by the Bulgarian people as the only means of salvation and is eagerly anticipated.
2. [redacted] the real danger, in event of war, lay in the possible revolt on the part of the Russian intelligentsia, similar to that which had occurred at the end of World War II; this revolt in the USSR had been suppressed by stern measures on the part of Comrade Stalin, and Marshal Tolbukhin was among the victims.
3. [redacted] during 1951, in an attempt to broaden the Fatherland Front, the Communist Party actually approached the former Agrarian leaders, Dimităr Gichev and Vergil Dimov, as well as Stoycho Mushanov of the Democratic Party, all of whom refused to act as stooges for the Communist Party.
4. The release of the class of 1929, scheduled for August 1952, has been indefinitely postponed.
5. All station masters in charge of main railway junctions have been given army officer's ranks and uniforms.
6. Except in rare cases, enlisted personnel are not permitted to go on home leave during their period of service, in order to keep them from being "infected" by the general discontent, and also to prevent identification of unit locations.
7. A new loading platform, approximately 100 meters long, has been constructed at the Todor Kableshkov railway station near Plovdiv. Two new sidetracks have been

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constructed by-passing the main Plovdiv station south and north and rejoining the main line east of Plovdiv. The tracks were constructed to prevent a break in the through traffic along the main line in case the Plovdiv Station were bombed.

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